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MINUTES OF THE

WORKFORCE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 – 10:45 a.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair

Rep. Steven R. Mascaro, House Chair

Sen. Patricia W. Jones

Sen. Daniel R. Liljenguist

Sen. Ralph Okerlund

Sen. Luz Robles

Rep. Laura Black

Rep. James A. Dunnigan

Rep. Neil A. Hansen

Rep. Christopher N. Herrod

Rep. Paul Ray

Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion

Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Staff Present:

Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst

Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel

Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Madsen called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m. He asked committee members and staff to introduce themselves.

MOTION: Rep. Mascaro moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Liljenquist, Rep. Dunnigan, and Rep. Herrod absent for the vote.

2. Department Recommendations for 2009 Committee Study

Mr. Hunsaker noted that the Committee oversees three executive departments of government and that the departments have been asked to recommend study items for the 2009 interim.

Mr. Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director, Department of Community and Culture (DCC), gave an overview of DCC.

Ms. Ally Isom, Deputy Director, DCC, distributed handouts "Financial and Technical Resource Guide" and "Building Community Partnerships - 2008 Annual Report" and recommended study items.

Ms. Kristen Cox, Executive Director, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), distributed handouts "DWS Utah's Workforce Situation" and "Initial Unemployment Claims by Zip Code January 2009 through April 2009" that detailed the impact of the economic downturn in the state, particularly as related to unemployment claims. She gave an overview of DWS and its economic role in the state and recommended the study items.

Mr. Gary Harter, Managing Director, Business Growth, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development, and Ms. CeCe Mitchell, Zions Bank, chair of the advisory board for the Business Resources Center, gave a slide presentation and overview of business resources in Utah and proposed recommended study items.

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Chair Madsen turned the chair over to Rep. Mascaro.

3. Sunset Review: Recycling Market Development Zone Act

Mr. Hunsaker briefly reviewed the purpose and procedures associated with sunset reviews.

Mr. Derek Miller, Managing Director, Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development, and Mr. Lester Prall, Office of Rural Economic Development, distributed handouts "Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development Renewable Energy Incentives" and "Utah Recycling Market Development Zone Sunset Review 2009." Mr. Miller gave an overview on Utah's Recycling Market Development Zone Program and recommended continuing the program.

MOTION: Sen. Okerlund moved to extend the sunset date of "Recycling Market Development Zone Act" for ten years. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen, Sen. Robles, Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Herrod, and Rep. Sumsion absent for the vote.

4. Committee Member Recommendations for Study

Mr. Hunsaker distributed a handout "Potential Study Items from the Master Study Resolution" and asked committee members to recommend study items for the 2009 interim.

Chair Mascaro noted that the chairs will prioritize the recommendations for the 2009 interim study.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Madsen, Sen. Robles, Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Herrod, and Rep. Sumsion were absent for the vote.

Chair Mascaro adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.